

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-28 are pending in the instant application. Claims 8-10, 12, 22-23, and 25-28 have been amended. New claim 29 has been added. The Applicant requests reconsideration of the claims in view of the following amendments reflected in the listing of claims.

Listing of claims:

1. (Previously Presented) A system for reformatting media content, comprising:
 - a server operatively coupled to a network;
 - a first communications device operatively coupled to the network; and
 - a second communications device operatively coupled to the network, the second communications device receiving, from the first communications device, a device profile relating to the first communications device, and the second communications device sending the device profile and media content to the server, the server reformatting the media content based on the device profile.

2. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein the server sends the reformatted media content to the first communications device.

3. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein the server transcodes the media content from a first type of format to a second type of format, wherein the second type of format is compatible with the first communications device.

4. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein the server comprises a dedicated format conversion server.

5. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein the first communications device requests the media content from the second communications device.

6. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein the first communications device can update the device profile.

7. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein the first communications device is coupled to the network via a first headend, and wherein the second communications device is coupled to the network via a second headend.

8. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein at least one or more of the following:—the first communications device, the second communications device and the server comprises a software platform that can provide at least one or more of the following:—user-interface functionality, distributed storage functionality and networking functionality.

9. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein at least one or more of the following:—the first communications device, the second communications device and the server comprises a software platform that can provide at least one or more of the following:—device registration, channel setup, program setup, management and security.

10. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein at least one or more of the following:—the first communications device, the second communications device and the server is adapted to provide at least one or more of the following:—distributed networking capability, archival functionality, temporary storage capability, storage manager capability and digital rights manager capability.

11. (Original) The system according to claim 1, wherein the device profile comprises information related to media capabilities of the first communications device.

12. (Currently Amended) The system according to claim 1, wherein at-least one of ~~the following:~~—the first communications device and the second communications device comprises a television screen that facilitates viewing and interacting with ~~at least one or more of the following:~~—a user interface, media, data and services available on the network.

13. (Previously Presented) A system for reformatting media content, comprising:

a first server operatively coupled to a network;

a second server operatively coupled to the first server;

a first communications device operatively coupled to the network, the first communications device sending a device profile of the first communications device to the first server; and

a second communications device operatively coupled to the network, the second communications device sending media content to the first server,

wherein the second server receives the media content from the first server and wherein the second server reformats the media content based on the device profile of the first communications device.

14. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 13, wherein the second server communicates the reformatted media content to the first server, and wherein the first server communicates the reformatted media content to the first communications device.

15. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 13, wherein the second server stores the device profile of the first communications device for use in reformatting other media content destined for the first communications device.

16. (Previously Presented) A system for reformatting media content, comprising:

a server operatively coupled to a network; and

a communications device operatively coupled to the network, the communications device receiving media content of a format that is not supported by the communications device and sending a device profile of the communications device and the received media content to the server,

the server reformatting the media content received from the communications device into a format that is supported by the communications device based on the device profile of the communications device.

17. (Original) The system according to claim 16, wherein the server stores the device profile of the communications device for use in reformatting other media content destined for the communications device.

18. (Previously Presented) A system for reformatting media content, comprising:

a communications device operatively coupled to a network, the communications device storing a revisable device profile of the communications device, sending the revisable device profile to a first communications device operatively coupled to the network, and receiving media content, from a second communications device operatively coupled to the network, wherein the multimedia content has been reformatted based on the device profile.

19. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 18, wherein the second communications device reforms the media content destined for the communications device based on the revisable device profile.

20. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 19, wherein the second communications device stores the revisable profile for use in reformatting other media content destined for the communications device.

21. (Previously Presented) A method for reformatting media content, comprising:

receiving, by a first server, a device profile of a first communications device;

receiving, by a second server operatively coupled to the first server, media content destined for the first communications device, the second server being operatively coupled to the first communications device via a network; and

reformatting, by the second server, the media content based on the device profile received by the first server.

22. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 21, further comprising:

sending, by a second communications device, the device profile of the first communications device to the first server; and

sending, by the second communications device, the media content to the second server, the second communications device being operatively coupled to the first server and the second server via the network.

23. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 21, further comprising:

sending, by the first communications device, the device profile of the first communications device to the first server; and

sending, by a second communications device, the media content to the second server, the second communications device being operatively coupled to the second server via the network.

24. (Previously Presented) The method according to claim 21, wherein the reformatted media content is supported by the first communications device.

25. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 21, further comprising:

requesting, by the first communications device, the media content from a second communications device.

26. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 21, further comprising:

sending the reformatted media content to the first communications device via the network.

27. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 21, further comprising:

storing the device profile at the second server for use in reformatting other media content destined for the first communications device.

28. (Currently Amended) The method according to claim 21, further comprising:

sending, by the first communications device, the device profile to the first server; and

sending, by the first communications device, the media content to the second server.

29. (New) A system for reformatting media content, the system for operation in a network having at least one server, the system comprising:

a communications device for operatively coupling to the network, the communications device operable to receive media content of a format that is not supported by the communications device and to send a device profile of the communications device and the received media content to the at least one server, and

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the communications device operable to receive the media content after it has been reformatted by the at least one server, based on the device profile of the communications device, into a format supported by the communications device.